

News from Councilmember Todd Gloria

District Three

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Another Influx of Infrastructure Investment

By Councilmember Todd Gloria

More smooth roads ahead! Can you believe it?

I have delivered your demand for better street conditions to City Hall, and my colleagues responded by approving an investment of \$22 million to resurface roads on March 15. This will allow 121 miles of street repairs throughout the City before May 2012.

Our current backlog of needed infrastructure projects is estimated to be \$800-\$900 million. Reducing this backlog and preventing further deterioration of our streets and facilities is one of my highest priorities, so I am excited about this investment.

Of the approved projects, 19 miles will be repaired in District Three's neighborhoods. Since I took office

in December 2008, 300 blocks of streets have been repaved in our district – the equivalent of more than 27 miles.

A map and lists of District Three streets to be repaired are posted on my website: www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd3/issues/infrastructure.shtml.

Water Conservation Garden of the Month: 3393 Grim Ave.



The landscape at 3393 Grim Ave. in North Park is water-conscious and beautifully compliments the home's architecture.

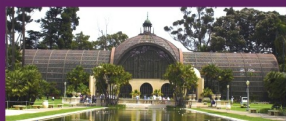
If you're considering yard work this Spring, you may be interested in the outdoor water conservation rebates and services available through the City's Water Department. Visit <http://www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation/residentialoutdoor.shtml> to learn more.

Submit the address and a photo of your favorite drought-tolerant yard to ToddGloria@sandiego.gov, and you may see it in a future District Three Dialogue. Don't be afraid to submit your own!



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Permanent Homeless Services Center Plans Progress

Councilmember Todd Gloria is pleased to announce that plans for San Diego's first permanent homeless services and housing facility continued forward on March 1. By a vote of 7-0, the City Council approved the sale of the World Trade Center building located at 1250 Sixth Avenue to the Redevelopment Agency, a necessary step in the process of developing a homeless center.

The City Council also today approved the Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) with Connections Housing for the building's rehabilitation and operations.

"The permanent service center will help move our homeless neighbors off the streets and on to more productive paths. I'm glad we continue to make progress on this critical project," said Councilmember Gloria.

Some issues related to the project's operating budget are still being resolved, and the sale of the building is expected to close escrow this summer contingent on the project being awarded tax credits.



Councilmember Gloria Appointed to San Diego River Conservancy

Councilmember Todd Gloria has been appointed to the San Diego River Conservancy by California State Assembly Speaker John A. Perez.

The San Diego River Conservancy is an independent, non-regulatory agency within the Resources Agency of the State of California which was established to preserve, restore and enhance the San Diego River and the surrounding area. Councilmember Gloria is now part of the Conservancy's Governing Board, joining Mayor Jerry Sanders and fellow Councilmember Lorie Zapf, among others.



"The San Diego River is important to the environment, economy and history of our region, and I look forward to ensuring its ongoing viability as a member of the San Diego River Conservancy," said Councilmember Gloria. "I am deeply appreciative of Assembly Speaker Perez for appointing me to this new opportunity to serve the community."

The term of Councilmember Gloria's appointment is March 15, 2011 through January 1, 2015. More information about the Conservancy is available online: <http://sdrca.gov/>.

Crime is Down in Mid-City

Councilmember Todd Gloria is pleased to announce that crime in the Mid-City area is down. Statistics gathered from the most recent quarter (October, November and December) show decreases in most crimes as compared to the same time the year before.

"The men and women of the San Diego Police Department provide incredible service to our neighborhoods, and these statistics demonstrate that fact," said Councilmember Gloria.

SDPD attributes some of the declines to many factors, including the rapid deployment of the Crime Suppression Team, use of additional officers, and deployment of bike officers.

	Most Recent Quarter	Same Quarter Last Year	% Change
Murders	2	0	
Rapes	8	10	-20%
Robbery	105	112	-6%
Aggravated Assault	164	168	-2%
Violent Crime Total	279	292	-4%
Residential Burglary	141	274	-49%
Commercial Burglary	46	46	0%
Larceny	441	474	-7%
Motor Vehicle Theft	207	269	-23%
Property Crime Total	835	1,063	-21%
Crime Index Total	1,114	1,355	-18%
Car Prowls	193	217	-11%

Community Connection: The Todd Squad is Working for You

Public Safety

- Street lights were repaired in the following locations: 3900 block of University Ave.; 3300 block of Felton Ave.; 4400 block of Mission Ave.; 2900 block of El Cajon Blvd.; 4900 block of Lorraine Dr, W. Talmadge Dr., Arizona St. at Collier Ave., on Natalie Dr., 4200 block of Marlborough, and the southwest corner of Marlborough and El Cajon Blvd.
- An investigation found no need for an all-way stop sign at Pershing Ave. and Dwight St.
- An additional "25 mph speed limit" sign will be installed between the 3500-3600 blocks of Pershing Ave. to encourage more responsible driving.

Infrastructure Improvements

- A pothole was repaired on Washington St. at Richmond St.
- Drainage issues were investigated in the 2900 block of Vancouver Ave. and the 4400 block of Arizona St. The issues were added to the deferred maintenance backlog.
- A water leak in the 4400 block of 32nd St. was repaired.
- A broken curb on Adams Ave. in University Heights was repaired.
- Potholes near 3446 University Ave. were repaired.

Community Character

- A-Frames and construction equipment in Kensington were removed.
- Two abandoned vehicles were removed from streets in Talmadge.
- Feces were removed from behind the Blind Community Center. Balboa Park Rangers and the San Diego Police Department will increase patrols of the area to address concerns about transients.
- A dead tree was removed near 43rd St. and Myrtle Ave.
- A citation for structural non-compliance was issued in the 4000 block of Illinois St.

- A civil penalty was assessed for an illegal business in the 2200 block of Boundary St.
- "No Parking" signs will be installed by June at the corner of Florida St. and Upas St. because the area is dedicated parkland.
- Out of date "No Parking" signs left over from recent playground renovations were removed from Campus Ave.
- Out of date "No Parking" signs left by a utility company were removed from Meade Ave.
- The owner of an illegally parked trailer in Kensington was issued a notice to comply with setback and parking requirements.
- Unnecessary utility wires hanging from a pole in Talmadge were removed due to a neighbor's concern.

Recycle Your Old Tax Files

San Diegans can recycle their outdated tax files for free during Tax File Recycling, which runs April 13 through April 22, 2011 at the Miramar Recycling Center, located at 5165 Convoy Street San Diego, 92111.

The ninth annual event is sponsored by the City of San Diego and Allan Company. Allan Company will provide secure containers at the Miramar Recycling Center for residents to drop off old files, which are securely stored and shredded before being recycled.

Tax file recycling is available to San Diego residents only and is limited to the equivalent of one "Banker's Box" per customer. Bankers Box size is approximately 10 inches high, 15 inches wide, 25 inches deep. Businesses can find document shredding services in the phone book under "Business Records Destruction." Be sure to check with the IRS or a tax professional regarding how long tax documents are required to be kept on file. For more information about recycling tax files, please call the Environmental Services Department customer service at 858-694-7000.



Make Your Utility Bill Better

Councilmember Gloria knows that the best improvement the City can make to your utility bill would be to decrease the costs, but he hopes you may have other suggested improvements, too.

Your input is needed to ensure planned improvements to the look, feel and information provided in the City's Utility Bill meet customer expectations.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Water_and_Sewer_Bill_Redesign_Survey

Tracking Todd



Councilmember Gloria donned green for the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade near Balboa Park on March 12 (above). On March 9, he moderated San Diego Coastkeeper's Signs of the Tide panel focusing on environmental issues (right).



Easter Basket Drive

*Donate an Easter Basket for
the 8th Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt*

Councilmember Todd Gloria has partnered with the Imperial Court de San Diego to collect Easter baskets for children 1 to 12 years old. The baskets will be distributed at a free community event.



Please deliver the baskets and/or monetary donations for the baskets by April 18th to Courtney Thomson in the Council District Three office,
202 C Street, 10th Floor,
or call 619-236-6633 for more information.

Upcoming Events

Greater Golden Hill Community Plan Update Sub-Committee
Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.
Golden Hill Recreation Center, 2600 Golf Course Dr.

**San Diego Democratic Women's Club
Annual Scholarship Tea**
Sunday, April 10, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.
Logan Heights Branch Library, 567 28th St.



Coffee with your Councilmember
Saturday, April 16, 2011, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
LeStats in University Heights, 4496 Park Blvd.

Roots Fest
Saturday, April 30 – Sunday, May 1, 2011
10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Adams Avenue in Normal Heights

Councilmember Gloria serves on the following:

- Chair, Budget and Finance Committee
- Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Redevelopment
- Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee
- Land Use and Housing Committee
- Rules, Open Government and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee
- Metropolitan Transit System Board
- San Diego Association of Governments
- San Diego Workforce Partnership
- San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau
- San Diego River Conservancy

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